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High drama highlights CJ's day in court

OVERCOME BY EMOTIONS, Chief Justice Renato Corona cries to hold back tears while making his statement on the witness stand in the first of a series of dramatic events that defined his first day in court on Tuesday.

His sudden exit after 3-hour statement sparks uproar

CJ springs waiver on bank funds, BUT ...

By TJ Burgonio

CHIEF JUSTICE Renato Corona yesterday sprung a surprise on the Senate impeachment court by waiving the confidentiality of his local and dollar accounts in an emotional testimony but on certain conditions.

At the end of his three-hour opening statement, Corona signed in open court a draft waiving the confidentiality of his four dollar accounts, but challenged Sen. Franklin Drilon, who has helped the prosecution ferret out evidence against him from witnesses, and the 188 lawmaker-complainants to do the same.

But if anyone of them failed to do this, Corona, who by turns was teary-eyed, said there was "no point" in his waiver, and that he would instruct his defense team to rest the case, drawing boos from the gallery.

Corona then asked to be excused, rose from the witness chair and walked out of the Senate session hall, without the permission of Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile. Angered, Enrile ordered the Senate security to shut down all gates.

His lawyers said Corona, a diabetic, had a bout of dizziness, ostensibly from low blood sugar. Rico Paolo Quicho said Corona was taken to Medical City in Pasig City directly from the Senate for a "routine medical checkup." He added that what happened to Corona was "no drama."

Tranquil Salvador III, also of the defense, said Corona had to

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JUSTICE ON WHEELS Corona is wheeled back into the Senate's session hall after his "walkout." He's now confined at The Medical City in Pasig.

By Cathy C. Yamsuan

SAYING he is not a thief, Chief Justice Renato Corona yesterday accused the "haciendero" President Aquino of mobilizing the entire government machinery to smear him to avenge the loss of the Aquino family's Hacienda Luisita as a result of an adverse Supreme Court ruling in November last year.

Reading from a prepared statement in Filipino and at times breaking down in his three-hour-long testimony on the 40th day of his impeachment trial, Corona also advanced a second reason why he was being impeached: The President seeks to control the three branches of government. And the third reason: The creeping takeover of the administration allegedly by leftist elements.

Corona repeatedly proclaimed his innocence of accusations, mostly aired by prosecution spokespersons outside the Senate tribunal, that he had amassed ill-gotten wealth.

"I'm no thief. I'm no criminal. I've done no wrong. But I am also no fool," he said after announcing he was issuing a waiver on his bank accounts in pesos and dollars, and challenged the 188 House representatives who signed the articles of impeachment and Sen. Franklin Drilon, his most strident critic among the senator-judges to do the same (See story on this page).

He said he had never raided government coffers and accused the prosecutors of twisting the law and inventing evidence in their efforts to oust him for alleged culpable violation of the Constitution, betrayal of public trust and graft and corruption.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the prosecution, if the cases you filed against me are indeed strong, why did you need to invent evidence? You will be accountable for what you did," Corona said, reading from a prepared statement in Filipino and at times speaking extemporaneously.

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Other side of BGEI feud: 'Basas oppressed us'

By Christian V. Esguerra and Michael Lim Ubac

CHIEF JUSTICE Renato Corona spoke of his family's preference to keep its financial assets and invest them in "foreign exchange" when he finally took the witness stand at his impeachment trial.

But in justifying this option before senator-judges and the public at large, the Chief Justice ended up shoveling up the dirt that had been lingering in the family of his wife Cristina for years on national television.

Corona said the experience of the Basa family, chronicled in a

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Court workers wear red all over the country

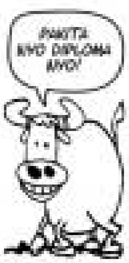
SHOUTING "Acquit CJ," Supreme Court employees yesterday gave a resounding send-off to Chief Justice Corona after holding an interfaith prayer rally.

REPORTERS' NOTEBOOK

Wearing red shirts, around 200 court employees cheered him while attending the interfaith rally—which included representatives from Dons Catholics, Muslims, Baptists and other Christians—at the courtyard of the Supreme Court Centennial Building on Padre Faura, Manila. But no representative from the Iglesia ni Cristo, which has supposedly lobbied senators to acquit the Chief Justice. Corona

COURT WORKERS/A18

Chinese diplomat lectures reporters on press freedom



By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

A DIPLOMAT from a country not exactly known for promoting press freedom yesterday gave Filipino reporters a lecture on how to report the news.

The diplomat, Senior Col. Chen Fang-ming, defense attaché of the Chinese Embassy, went to the extent of asking the reporters whether they studied journalism.

CHINESE/A6

Fil-Ams all-out to make Jessica next 'American Idol'

By Ruben V. Nepales
Los Angeles correspondent

LOS ANGELES—Many Filipino-Americans have been distributing flyers in churches, posting on social media sites, sending e-mail and text blasts, and will hold voting parties here on Tuesday evening, May 22 (today, Manila time) to increase the chances of Jessica Sanchez becoming the first "American Idol" champion of Filipino heritage.

The Filipino-Mexican-American—who is competing against Phillip Phillips for the right to become the new "Idol"—is galvanizing the normally splintered Filipino-American communities across the United States. Buoyed by the prospect

FIL-AMS/A6

It's official: Koko Pimentel, wife part ways

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE ANNOUNCEMENT came quietly and was almost drowned by the day's highly charged events at the Senate impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

Sen. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III yesterday confirmed that he had separated from Jewel May Lobaton, his wife of almost 12 years, with whom he has two sons.

"This may well be the most difficult public pronouncement I will ever be making in my entire life. And painful too, as every separation involves a certain degree of pain," the senator said in a statement e-mailed to reporters last night.

"I confirm my separation from my wife of close to 12 years, Jewel May Lobaton. We have been living separately since November 2011."

"I tried my best to resolve our differences for the sake of our two boys but have failed to do so. Now that we have separated, my

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PH faces tough grilling on rights

By Leila B. Salaverria and Christine O. Avendaño

A TOTAL of 73 countries are set to scrutinize the Philippines' human rights record when it faces the United Nations Human Rights Council later this month, according to militant and rights groups whose members are going to Geneva to monitor the proceedings.

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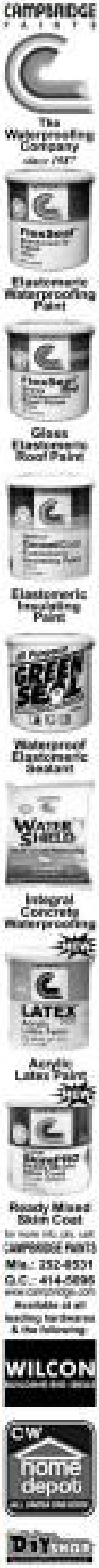






China lets in bananas





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PH firms stop sending bananas to China

DAVAO CITY—Banana-exporting companies stopped sending their produce to China even as Malacañang said yesterday that China has allowed the entry of up to 40 container vans of Philippine bananas.

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In upland villages, 'commuvatization' answer to water woes

NATURE is the best playground for these boys as they enjoy a refreshing dip at the natural pool of Bokong Falls in the tourist town of Sagada in Mt. Province. Water is a precious resource that upland communities in Mt. Province share.

By Maurice Malanes
Baguio City

ALTHOUGH based in the United States, Andrew Bacdayan, a retired economics professor, had closely monitored the intermittent conflict in the villages of Fidelisan and Dalican in his hometown of Sagada, Mt. Province, in the 1990s.

> 'When a resource is free, people waste it because there is no consequence for careless and irresponsible behavior'

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School rebuilt on pawned jewelry helps scholars

By Tonette Orejas
Angeles City

JEWELRY crafted in Bulacan—either sold or pawned by a school founder in Angeles City to pay for teachers' salaries—reestablished the first private school in the city and sustained its growth into a university that supported 27,000 poor students in 50 years.



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DR. EMMANUEL Angeles, Angeles University Foundation chancellor, helped make the dream of his mother, Barbara Yap-Angeles, come true. AUF has supported 27,000 scholars in 50 years.



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ART CONFRONTS URBAN CHAOS AND POLLUTION



The Cubao Aurora Underpass on EDSA may not strike you as a proper venue for a contemporary art project—it's not the sort of place where one lingers to look at paintings. But as the citizens of Metro Manila have noticed this past year, art exists beyond the confines of posh, perfumed galleries. Art can go to where the people are, to confront the realities they face on a daily basis. Realities like traffic, urban chaos and pollution.

Each day, hundreds of thousands of motorists and commuters see the "pipe-scape" which London-based Finnish architect, artist and filmmaker Tapio Snellman has painted on a 1,000 square-meter stretch of the Cubao Aurora Underpass. It looks like an X-ray view of an imaginary underground city servicing the life on the surface. It can represent real infrastructure, or the many invisible networks that link an urban community like Metro Manila. This cacophony of pipes seems to mirror the organized chaos that makes up the life of the city.

"Some visitors might see Cubao as a scary place, but my first instinct was to celebrate it," says the affable Snellman, whose work includes conceptual films dealing with urbanity. "I didn't want to prettify it or make the area seem more friendly. I wanted to celebrate what is already there."

Snellman's connection to Manila goes back to the Cities on the Move exhibition in London, where he met the artist Judy Sibayan. Twelve years later, as part of the Tao curatorial team, she asked him to join BOYSEN KNOxOUT PROJECT: EDSA.

BOYSEN KNOxOUT PROJECT: EDSA is an urban renewal initiative sponsored by Boysen Paints in cooperation with the Metro Manila Development Authority. It aims to lessen air pollution on Manila's main thoroughfare through large-scale artworks. These artworks, executed with Boysen's revolutionary KNOxOUT air-cleaning paint, are actually massive air purifiers.

The last thing Snellman wanted was to use painting as a decorative element that would distract viewers from the harshness of its inner city surroundings. "My interest lay in taking what is already there and using that as an inspiration and inspirational source," the artist declares. "Cubao is one of those places where the energy of a megacity can be felt in all its intensity and relentlessness. The constant flow of traffic, communication and the clash of various urban life-forms are simultaneously exhausting and exhilarating."

The idea is not to cover up and escape reality with visions of rustic prettiness that we urbanites have little memory of, but to confront it. Snellman's artwork challenges the tired notion that art must be only about the true, the good and the beautiful. Although this painting is undeniably true. Its subject is good because a world without plumbing is something we're no longer prepared to deal with. And in this age of globalization and multiculturalism, there is more than one standard of beauty. Welcome to the 21st century.

"As a filmmaker I've done a lot of animation," Snellman notes. "In this painting I sought to capture the moment as the vehicle is passing by. You always see the painting from a moving vehicle, rarely from standing still in front of it." That would be dangerous, as Snellman and his team learned when they were applying the paint in this congested section of the highway.

Commuters may discover a special affinity to the pipe-scape. "Commuting is all about travelling by yourself and then connecting with other people who connect with other people," Snellman notes.

"While the main artery of Metro Manila is conceptually a lifeline enabling the city to work, the reality of travelling along EDSA is often chaotic and frustrating. Politically, however, it is the one place in which all the strata of society converge. This democratic dimension informs the artwork along with its physical reality," he adds.

"From my point of view the project was made worthwhile by its connection to Boysen KNOxOUT, the air-cleaning paint," Snellman says. "The environmental and commercial dimension of the artwork gives it an immediate social aspect. This eliminates the danger of the artwork being seen as merely decorative, let alone elitist."

EDSA is the lifeline of Metro Manila, but pollution on this highway is also killing us. Metro Manila has the fourth most polluted air among the world's major cities. Our city's main artery is clogged with Nitrogen Oxide (NOx) and other toxic substances spewed by motor vehicles. NOx causes respiratory illnesses and contributes to acid rain that destroys the environment. It has been linked to the development of asthma, cancer and lung disease in adults as well as children.

According to the Philippine Environment Monitor, a joint study by the World Bank and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, pollution causes 5,000 deaths annually, and one out of eight premature deaths in Metro Manila. It reduces the life expectancy of citizens by almost nine months and costs the country USD 1.5 Billion a year in lost wages and medical treatment.

Who is responsible for this life-threatening pollution? We all are. If you take cars, buses, motorcycles, trucks, airplanes, you contribute to the problem. What is the solution? Obviously, we have to stop using fuel-burning vehicles. That's not going to happen.

Environmentalists have shown us the ways we can reduce pollution. We can use recyclable shopping bags instead of plastic, carpool or take public transportation, and reduce our personal carbon footprints in many ways. But there has to be a more active way to combat pollution. A new paint technology offers a solution.

Boysen, the Filipino paint manufacturer, has developed KNOxOUT, the first air-cleaning paint in the world with CristalActiv paint technology. KNOxOUT uses photocatalytic technology to get rid of poisonous NOx emissions. It contains modified titanium dioxide that attacks NOx and turns it into breathable air. When exposed to light, the paint breaks NOx down into harmless nitrates, carbon dioxide and water that washes off the painted surface. This prevents NOx from turning into smog.

Aside from its air-cleaning properties, Boysen KNOxOUT is anti-bacterial and self-cleaning. When the paint reacts with light it oxidizes dirt molecules, causing them to lose their ability to stick to surfaces. Dirt washes off easily with each rainfall, keeping the painted surface fresh and vibrant.

It's going to take a lot more than eight artworks to clean the air in Metro Manila, but BOYSEN KNOxOUT PROJECT: EDSA is a highly visible reminder that we can fight pollution. Not by beautifying it, but by dealing with it head-on.

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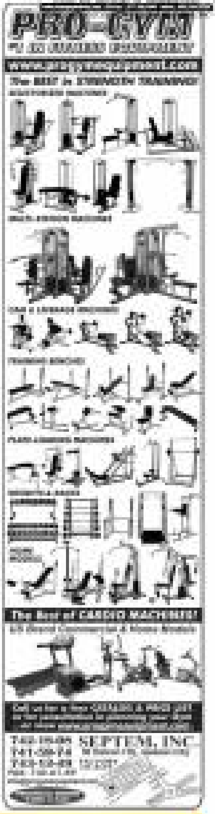
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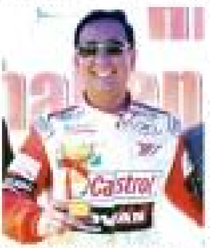
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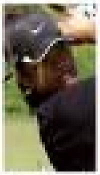


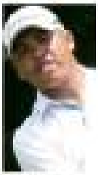
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Gaga gets away with it



US pop star wows fans as protests fail to stop 'Judas'

By Pocholo Concepcion

THE LADY defiantly declared: "I'm not a creature of your government, Manila."

She then belted out her controversial song "Judas," which her Filipino critics have labelled as blasphemous.

All the sound and fury from the guardians of morality failed to keep the tens of thousands of Lady Gaga fans from seeing her concert on Monday, with more expected to turn up last night after the Pasay City government greenlighted her second, closing show amid continuing protests from religious groups.

The controversial American pop star defied critics and [illegible] to fans, many of them dressed as outrageously as she was, [illegible].

The show, which sources said cost $1.7 million to mount at the 20,000-seater Mall of Asia [illegible]



THE GAGA sisterhood came out in full force (above) for Monday's concert at the SM Mall of Asia Arena, where their idol (left) rode goofy and giddily through the storm of protests by giving another hit performance.

Gaga fan slams guards playing fashion police



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Eurozone close to recession

PARIS—The 17-country eurozone risks falling into a "severe recession," the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) warned on Tuesday, as it called on governments and Europe's central bank to act quickly to stop the slowdown spilling over into the global economy.



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BUSINESS

UK companies eyeing PH infra projects

By Ronnel W. Domingo

COMPANIES based in the United Kingdom are keen on taking part in the Philippines' public-private partnership projects on infrastructure, London's top official yesterday said.

David Wootton, the Lord Mayor of London, said in a briefing that he has [illegible] and was upbeat about the prospects of the Philippine economy, especially as he [illegible] Malacañang officials on Monday and sat down with British businessmen who have interests here yesterday.

According to Wootton, who also serves as ambassador for the UK's financial services industry, the Philippines is headed in the right direction, considering that economic indicators are all up.

"There is an increasing number of opportunities for UK businesses in the Philippines, particularly on investing in infrastructure," as well as the provision of services and expertise, such as design and engineering for such projects, the UK official explained.

Wootton said he had meetings with officials of the departments of foreign affairs, trade and industry, finance, and transportation and communication. He also met with officials of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Insurance Commission.

"All these meetings gave me the confidence about the management of the economy and the stability of the financial regulatory regime," he said. "The Philippines is bright on UK companies

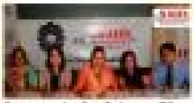
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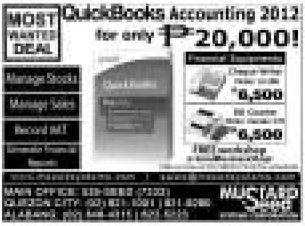
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Francisco Rodolfo Salazar Del Rosario

"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."

John 11:25-26

ATTY. LYSANDRO G. SANCHEZ, SR.

Interment will be at the Manila North Cemetery today, May 23, 2012 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Parish Church, Gagalangin, Tondo, Manila.

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FR. JAMES T. MEEHAN, S.J.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF HIS SOUL

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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SM's TwoE-com

held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on April 27.

TwoE-com is the second in a series of four office buildings comprising the premier business hub of SM Land in the Mall of Asia complex. The E-com buildings target the fast-growing business process outsourcing industry as its main market, with its high-technology facilities, capabilities and design features.

TwoE-com is designed by Miami-based international design firm Arquitectonica, with PB Lim & Associates as the local architect of record. It was completed in December 2011 and is almost 90 percent leased out

Business

Housing, auto loans rose by 17-18% in 2011



SM's TwoE-com named best office dev't in PH

Power Situation Outlook



BUSINESS

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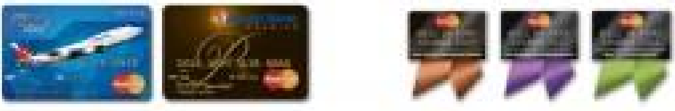
Recognition for everything we've done for you.

For the fourth consecutive year, MasterCard has honored Allied Bank for its programs that have made us one of the best banks in South East Asia. This year, we want to celebrate the following MasterCard Hall of Fame Awards with you.

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- Finalist, 2011 MasterCard Hall of Fame Award*, Best Creative Execution, for LuXeclusive.
- Finalist, 2011 MasterCard Hall of Fame Award*, Best in Class, for Mabuhay Miles MasterCard Elite Program.

7 awards in 4 years... and counting. And for all of these, we would like to say – THANK YOU for your continued patronage of your Allied Bank MasterCard!

* The MasterCard Hall of Fame awards is an annual program of MasterCard Asia Pacific Pte Ltd recognizing the best-performing member banks in various categories, in the region. Allied Bank has won 7 of the MasterCard Hall of Fame Awards since 2008 and is the most-awarded among MasterCard Philippines member banks to date.



MasterCard

Business

Risk aversion seen to mute GIR growth

BSP sees dollar reserves plateauing this year

By Michelle V. Remo

China Bank opens four more branches; branch network now 272 nationwide

EastWest Bank Q1 earnings rose 4.9%

By Doris C. Dumlao

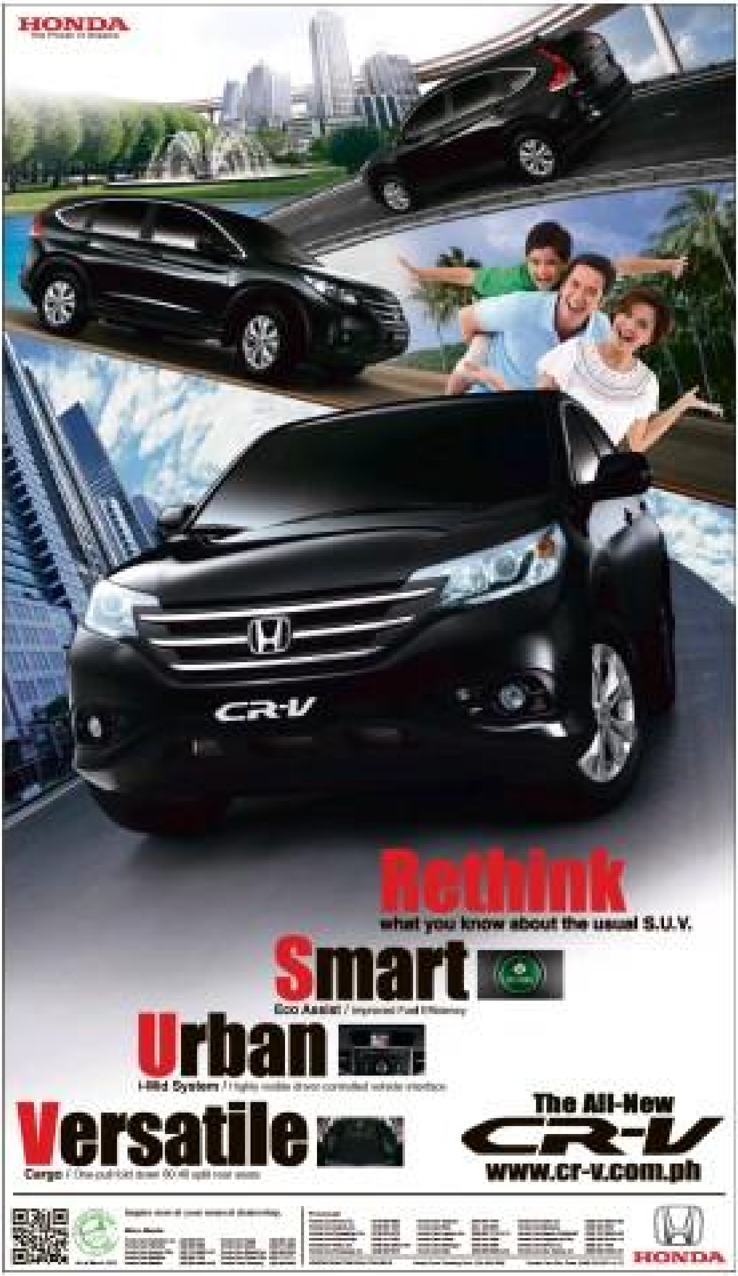
ALI to offer ₱1.3B worth of preferred shares

Mobile Web use to rise as phone prices drop

MOTORING

Is it time for a car black box?

Deadly Ayala-Alabang accident renews need for better investigation aids



Traverse-ing the tide



The Chevrolet Traverse LT 4X2 is not the typical gas-guzzling oversized American SUV

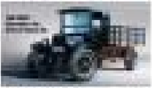


Summer or not, BLOWBAG is the key safety word



Chevrolet Colorado: Heading towards a century of truck building heritage





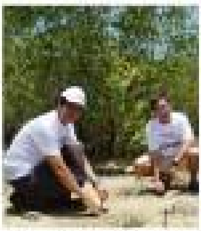


Is it time for ...

California to allow self-driven cars



Nissan goes the extra mile for biodiversity





MOTORING

Buendia to Balintawak in 20 minutes

ON THE ROAD

Aida Sevilla-Mendoza



THERE WAS a time when driving from Alabang to Makati or vice versa took at least 45 minutes. Now, thanks to the elevated Skyway 2 from Makati to Alabang, it takes only around 15 minutes.

And it gets better. Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corp., the folks who designed and built Skyway Stages 1 and 2, are proposing to construct Skyway Stage 3 connecting the South Luzon Expressway (SLEx) at Alabang to Balintawak before the North Luzon Expressway (NLEx), thereby linking the major toll networks (Southern Tagalog Arterial Road or STAR, SLEx and NLEx) and drastically reducing travel time for motorists and commuters.

Nowadays, passing through Edsa from Buendia to reach Balintawak takes about an hour and a half—longer during peak hours. Skyway 3 would give motorists and commuters coming from Makati the option to skip bumper-to-bumper congested EDSA or C5 and get to their destination in Quezon City in 20 minutes. Or from Makati to Sta. Mesa and Manila in 10 minutes.

Smoother. Travel time will not only be faster, it will also be smoother. Judging from the meticulousness with which Sorsen (Skyway O&M Corp.) maintains the ground level and elevated Skyway 1 and 2, the proposed 14-kilometer Skyway 3 from Buendia to Balintawak should offer motorists a smooth, world-class six-lane highway. People living near Balintawak can be in Makati or the airport in only 15 minutes instead of getting stuck in traffic for an hour or so and wasting fuel.

Skyway 3 will have eight access points—Buendia, Quirino Avenue, Plaza Dilao, Aurora Boulevard, E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon Boulevard, Sgt. Rivera and Balintawak—that will enable residents in Manila and Quezon City to travel swiftly, safely and conveniently to and from south, center and north of Metro Manila. In effect, Skyway 3 will be an efficient corridor above the narrow, congested roads of the metropolis that will not require a government subsidy.

Citra Metro Manila Tollways Corp. (CMMTC), which recently formed a joint venture with San Miguel Corp. to secure control over the SLEx, the STAR tollway and Metro Manila Skyway has submitted an updated investment proposal for Skyway 3 to the Toll Regulatory Board (TRB) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) as an extension of the existing Skyway 1 and 2, and as part of the four-stage Metro Manila Skyway Project approved by the Ramos Administration in 1995. Since it is not an unsolicited proposal, according to the opinion of the TRB, backed up by the Department of Justice, it is not subject to a challenge by other bidders.

Unsolicited. However, the Metro Pacific Tollways Corp., which operates and manages the NLEx and Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway (SCTEx) under an interim agreement with the Bases Conversion Development Authority, has submitted to the DPWH an unsolicited proposal to build a 13.2-kilometer connector road running along the tracks of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) to link the SLEx and NLEx. Citra claims that before Metro Pacific can start building its connector road, it will have to settle right of way problems that may take five years to resolve. On the other hand, the Skyway 3 project is ready for implementation this year and can be completed within two years, Citra says.

Public Works Secretary Rogelio Singson, who worked for Maynilad Water Services Inc. before joining the government, told reporters that he has endorsed Metro Pacific's connector road proposal to the National Economic and Development Authority (Neda), which reviews foreign-funded infrastructure projects. Maynilad is one of the companies in the Metro Pacific group headed by tycoon Manuel V. Pangilinan, the arch rival of San Miguel Corp. president Ramon Ang in multi-billion business deals.

The TRB, which is under the Department of Transportation and Communications

BUENDIA, B4-[illegible]



THE AUTHOR makes a pit stop during the Porsche Cup.



PART of the well-secured track of Nurburgring

Racing at the Ring

Why Nurburgring is the ultimate experience

I HAVE been to the Nurburgring thrice. The first time was in 2009 with our friend and former racing car champion Stuart Macdonald and our ... sponsor's technical group, driving from Luxembourg to Nurburgring. The Ring, as it also known, is like Mecca or a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for all racers and enthusiasts. There are two racetracks at the Ring and the more famous of the two is called the North Loop built in 1925 with a total of 20.8 kms. The GP circuit was built in 1981 and had its first Formula 1 Race in May 12, 1984, making it just over the 22 kms in length in total. The racetrack has a total of, hold your breath, 73 corners.

Day 1

Day 2

Day 3

Eye-opener



IN FULL battle gear, the author poses beside the Porsche GT3 he used for the race.







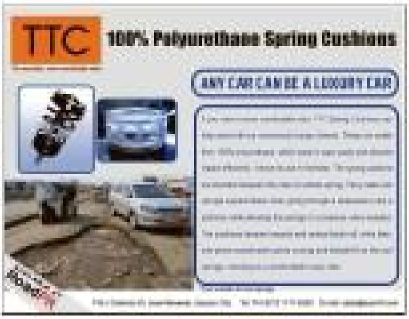
Ducati unveils new 1199 Panigale model

Lambo sees a bull market in PH





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LAST year's Cebu Auto Show



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Buendia to Balintawak ...



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Lor and Ed Calma: Opposite personalities, but the same modern vision

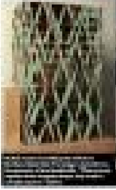
The father-and-son stalwarts of Philippine design and architecture get together for a rare joint exhibit

IN PHILIPPINE DESIGN and architecture, the name "Calma" is synonymous with a powerful aesthetic impact on the environment. Think Lorenzo "Lor" Calma's sculptural planes, whose flatness is interrupted by cuts and folds, or Ed Calma's stark-white College of Saint Benilde School of Design and Arts building with its irregular [illegible]





Lor and Ed Calma: Opposite personalities, but the same modern vision





Why all the fuss over 'attachment pare



If you were to redesign Metro Manila, what 3 things would you do?





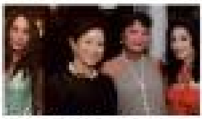


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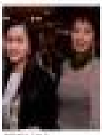


Fun 'bienvenida' and birthday bash at posh QC boutique hotel













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How to be a smart phone user

THE CONSUMER

Linda B. Bolido

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THREE BRANDS
ONE SEASON

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IMPALPABLE

FRAGRANCE BY MICHAEL CINCO

27 MAY, 6:30PM, FUNCTION ROOM 4 SMX CONVENTION CENTER

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27 MAY, 7PM, FUNCTION ROOM 5 SMX CONVENTION CENTER

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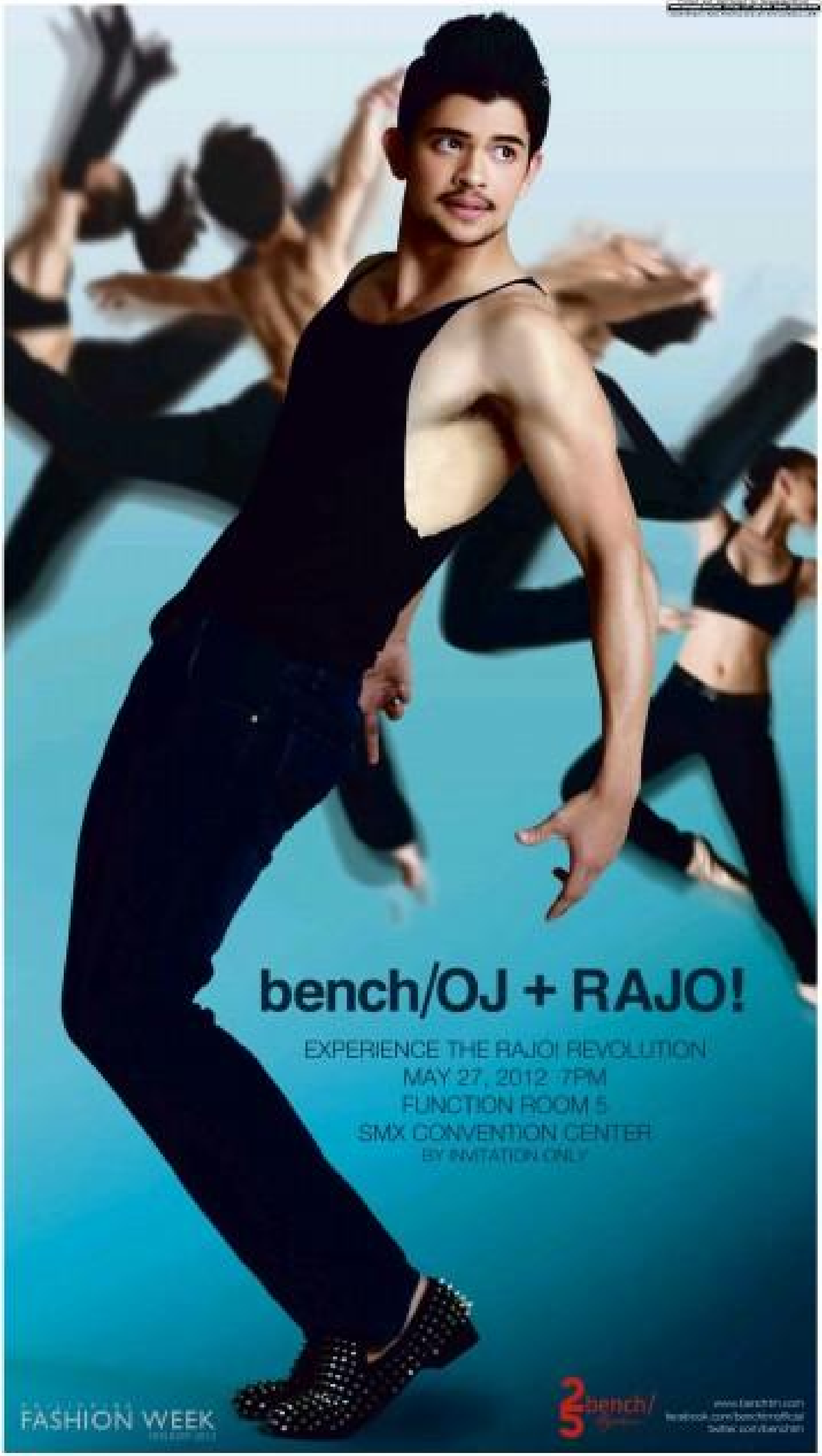
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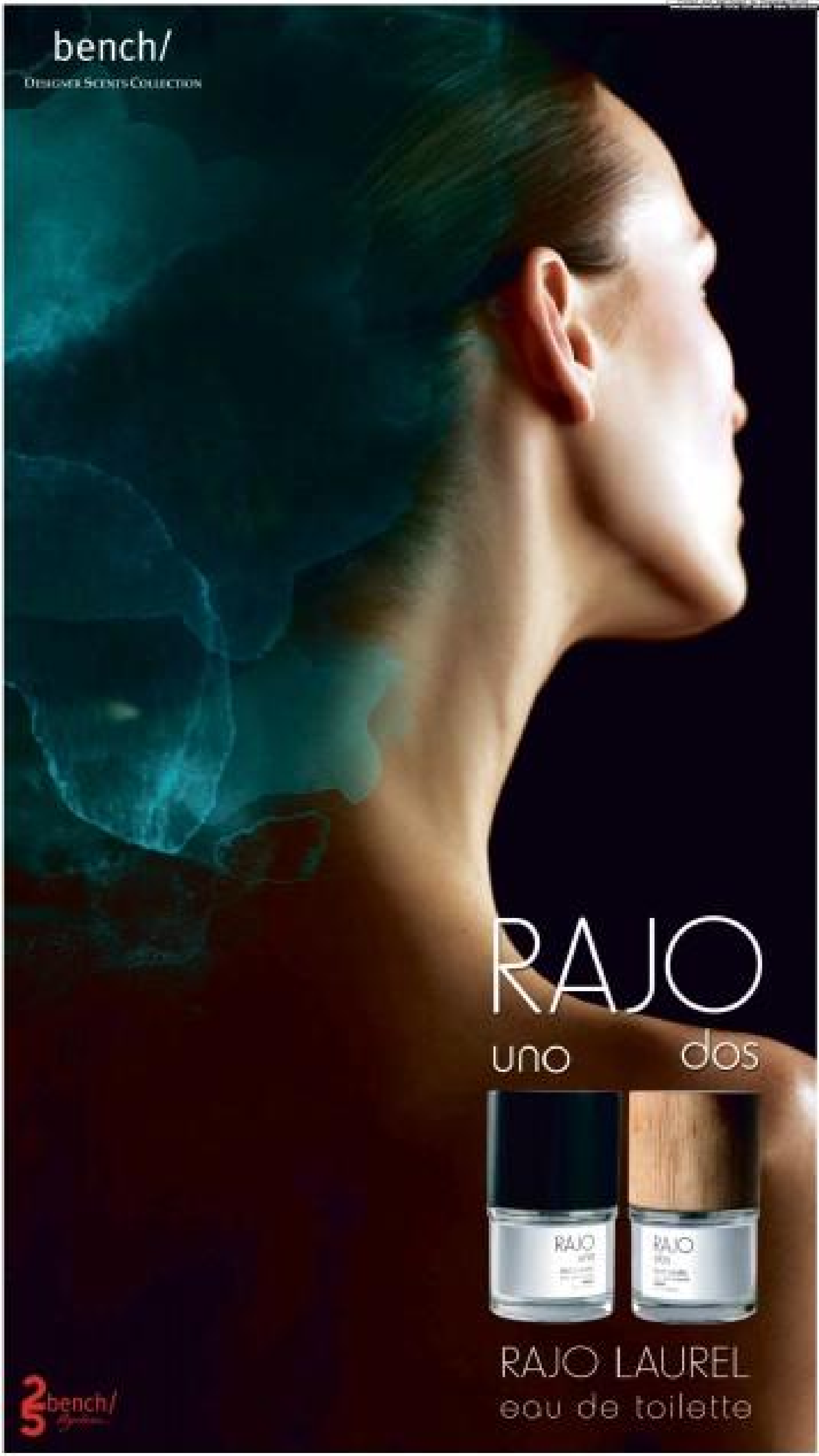
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MODERN ROMANCE BY JC BUENDIA

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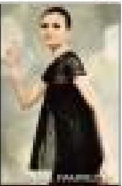


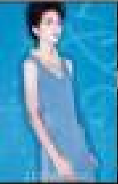
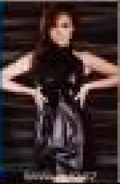




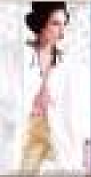
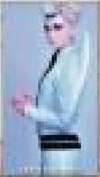


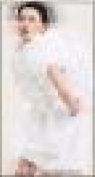












Jag Jeans continues to stare down the face of establishments when it enrolled controversial Hollywood Actress

LINDSAY LOHAN

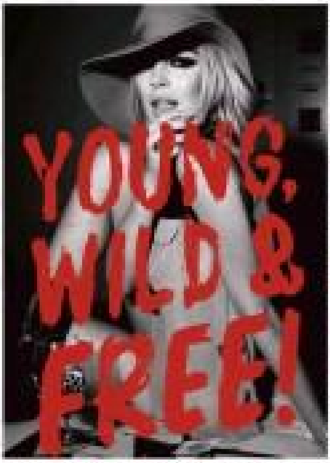
as its newest endorser early this year. Lohan, as one of most recognizable faces in the world, has a reputation not only breaking the norms of society, but also being the favourite subject for fashion magazines.

Lohan's esteem of swag and sexiness leaves the public totally entranced on her every move made her the ideal celebrity to launch the Jag Jean's highly successful Confessions of Young Hollywood campaign. With its cutting edge designs and out of the box fashion innovations, Jag Jeans has established itself as the hottest trendsetter in the casual wear industry, and that same reputation carries over into their marketing strategies. The ground breaking campaign featured pictorials from world renowned photographer YuTsai, and even included an interactive website that placed you in the shoes of a paparazzi photographer, hot on the heels of Lindsay Lohan in a Hollywood Hotel. Finally catching up with the Hollywood star gives you access to an interview held exclusively for Jag Jeans. It was in this said interview that Lohan revealed her admiration for Jag's Skinny Jeans, taking notice of the cut is flattering to the curves of a woman's body.

As Fashion week draws nearer, Jag Jeans once again went back to the think tank, and conceptualized ways to unveil their new line and continue to reach out to the public simultaneously.

And with the tag line, "What Do Your Jeans Say About You?", Jag Jean's "Free Speech" Campaign was born.

Despite decades of constant change in fashion movements and styles, denim has managed to endure the test of time and adapt like no other garment has. From its introduction into the world as a working man's



wear, denim has continued to evolve and transcend cultures, lifestyles and genres. A pair of jeans can speak volumes of its owners' passions. A form of expression that personifies what Jag Jeans is all about.

Jag Jeans's next scorching runway show on May 25, 2012 at the SMX Convention Center Hall 1 is set to feature the heritage line "JAG RED" with its new fits and finishes of the best pieces ever made. It's a whole new collaboration that harnesses pure talent, highest quality materials, and extreme passion for Jag's new generation of consumers.

And this generation is unlike any other. It is a generation that refuses to be silenced, with its members finding ways to make its voice heard. Social media has empowered people to speak their mind, and Jag Jeans "Free Speech" reaches out to the blogging generation and encourages them to shout to the world, their love of Jag Jeans.

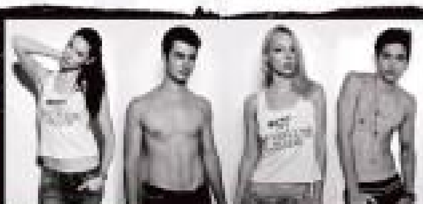
Headlining Jag Jeans' newest collection are Stunning Beauty queens, including Miss Universe 2011 Third Runner Up, Shamcey Supsup , and this years queens , Janine Tugonon (Ms. Philippines Universe), Katrina Jayne Dimaranan (Ms Philippines Tourism), Nicole Schmitz (Ms Philippines International) and Miss Philippines Runner ups, Annalie Forbes, and Elaine Kay Moll.

Representing the men are scorching hot hunks, Will Devaughn,Ivan Dorschner, Bret Jackson and the "Big Four" – Paco, Parsa, Slater and Biggel, and joined by Divine.

Check out **JAG-JEANS.COM, JAGCONFESSIONS.COM** and our other online pages: facebook.com/jagjeans, Youtube Channel: Jagjeans78, Twitter: Jagjeans78

















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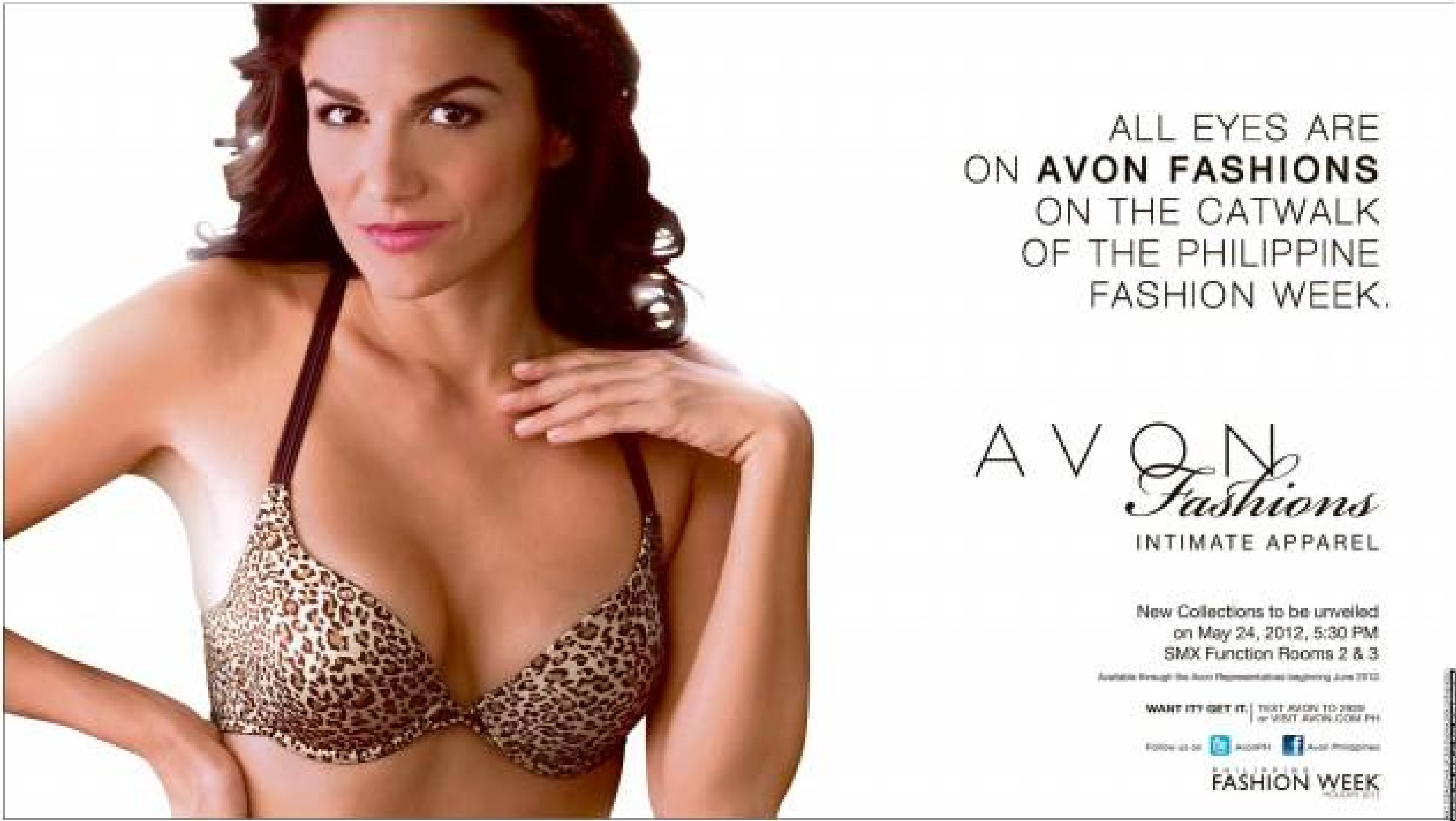
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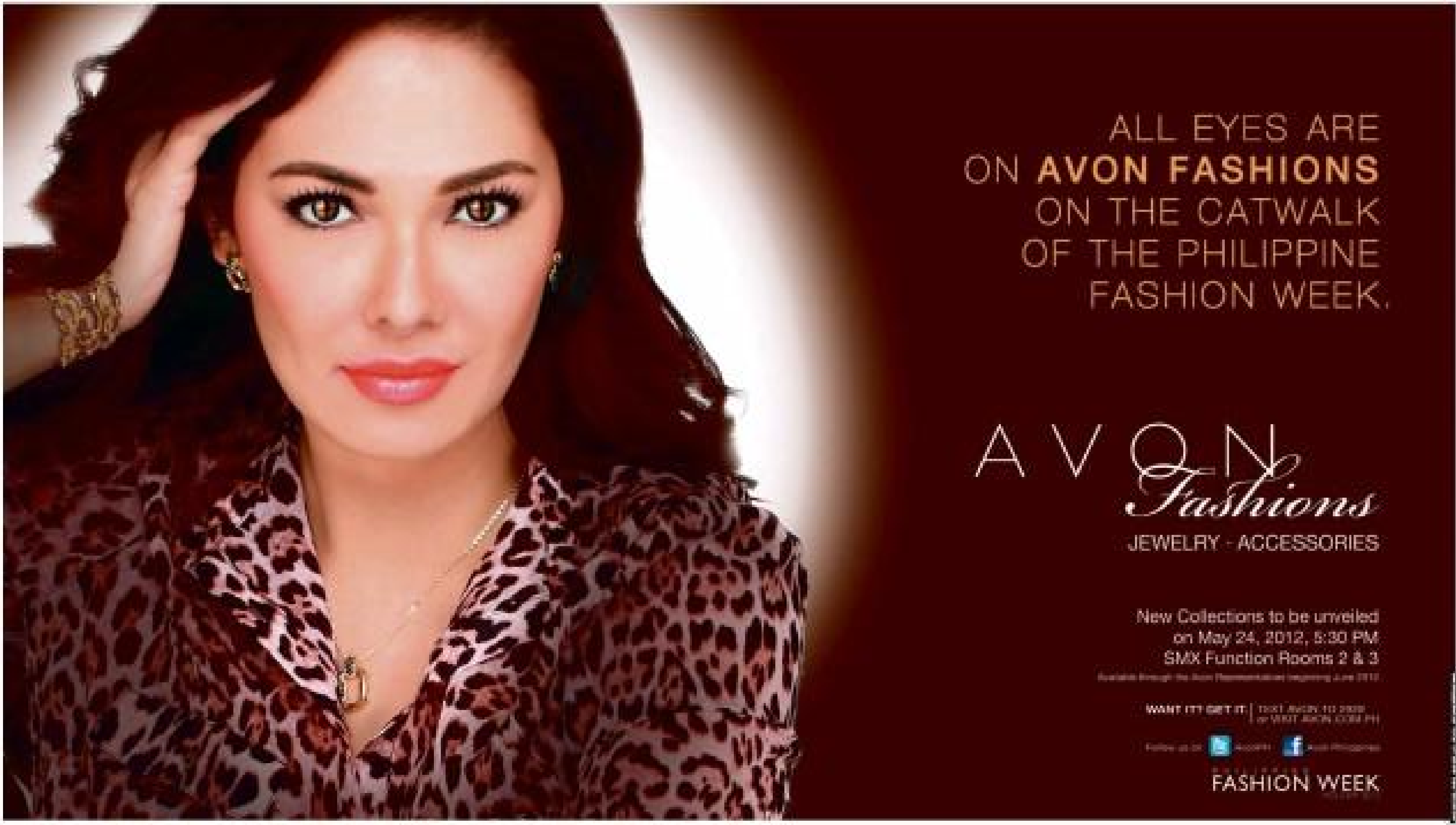
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ENTERTAINMENT



Disgruntled ex 'exposes' controversial affair

By the Entertainment Staff

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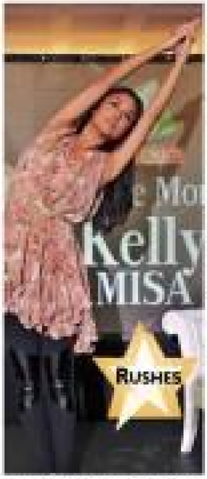
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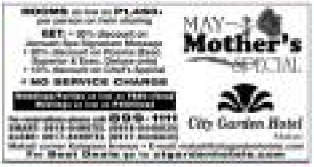
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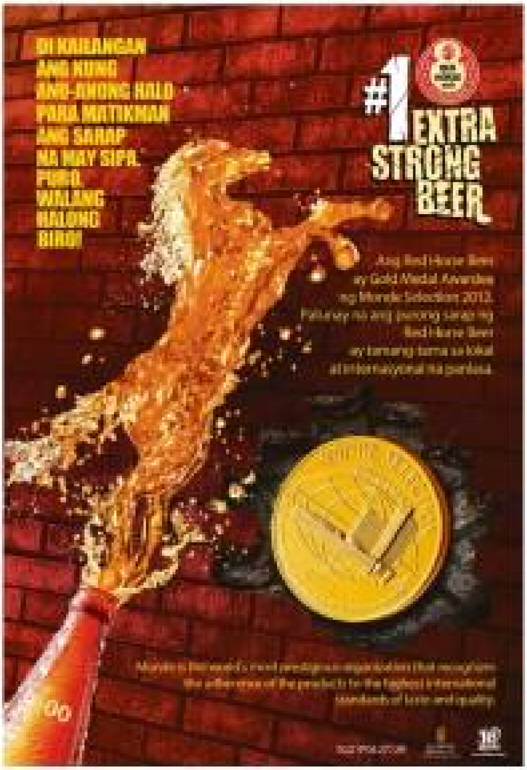
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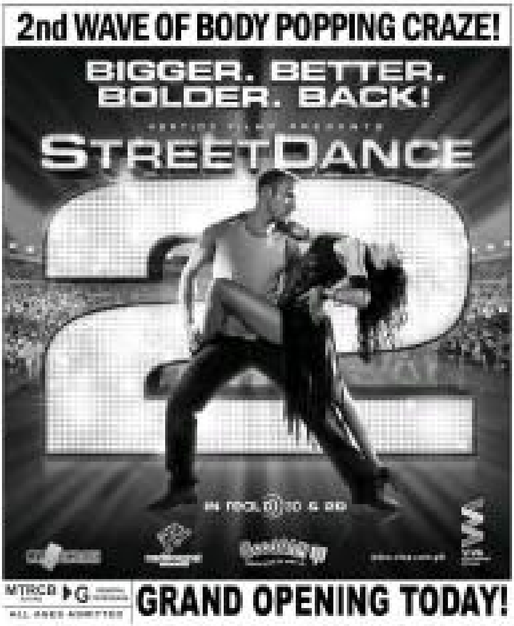
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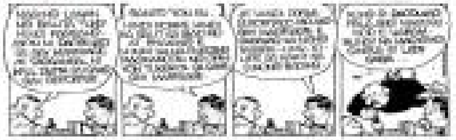
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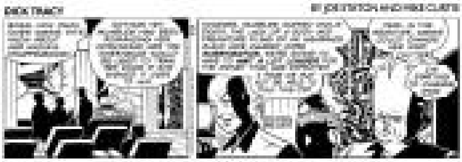
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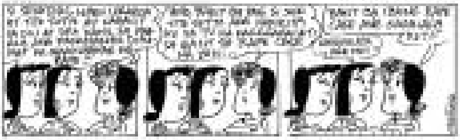


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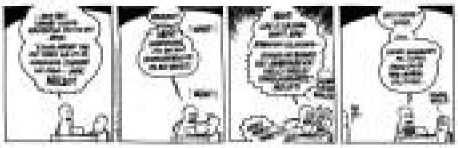
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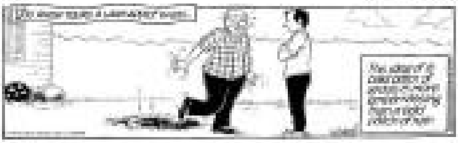


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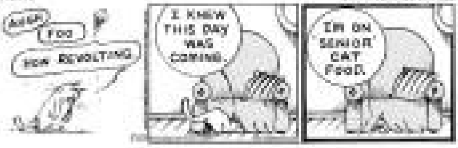




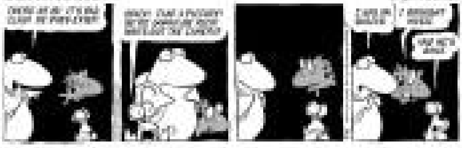
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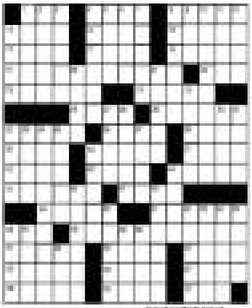
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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

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	3	9			2	1	4	6
5			8					3
6			4					7
3			5				7	
	2	5					3	
4			1			9		
7			2			8		
1			3		8			
	5	8			6			

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Opening Today



Men in Black III

StreetDance 2

The Raven